

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The special meeting of Senate was held on January 23, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

73. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. J. Ashton, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Dr. M. Bluechardt, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean R. Gosine, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean R. Tremblay, Dean L. Walker, Dr. R. Adamec, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. G. George, Ms. L. Goddard, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. S. Kenny, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Professor W. Schipper, Dr. K. Szego, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Wright, Ms. K. Greenfield, Ms. J. Allen, Mr. J. Farrell, Ms. K. Giroux-Bougard, Mr. I. Igho-Osagie.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. C. Loomis, Dean G. Gorman, Dean J. Rourke, Mr. E. Andrews, Ms. B. Conran, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Professor G. Riser, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. J. Whitehead.

75. PRESENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND TARGETS DOCUMENTS

Dr. Meisen introduced the topic noting that today's meeting was for discussion and approval of the Strategic Plan for Memorial University of Newfoundland. Before proceeding to the topic at hand, he responded to a question from Dr. Schipper regarding quorum and observed that not enough members were present to achieve quorum. However, with the concurrence of members attending, it was agreed to proceed with the meeting acknowledging that if quorum was not achieved, another meeting of Senate would be necessary for formal approval of motions.

It was then moved by Dr. Adamec and seconded by Dr. McKay that Senate confirm the documentation presented at today's meeting as the latest Strategic Plan for Memorial University of Newfoundland for presentation to and approval by the Board of Regents. Recognizing that the documentation remains dynamic particularly during this approval process, Senate agrees to give the Vice-President (Academic) authority to make editorial changes that are in keeping with the intent and spirit of the documentation confirmed today. However, if either the Board of Regents or the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador propose substantive changes to the Strategic Plan, Senate requires that the amended documentation be returned to Senate for further consideration.

A discussion then followed and several suggestions and comments were made for amendments to the plan. Dr. Campbell encouraged Senators to forward them to strategic@mun.ca.

The vote on the above-noted motion was passed by a large majority of those present. However, in the absence of quorum and in order for the motion to have formal approval of Senate before presentation of the Strategic Plan to the Board of Regents for its meeting scheduled for February 1, 2007, it was agreed that another special meeting of Senate would be held on January 30, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E-5004. It was also noted that either teleconferencing or videoconferencing facilities would be available for Senators from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

Dr. Campbell advised that a revised version of the Strategic Plan incorporating suggestions made at today's meeting would be posted to www.mun.ca/strategicplanning and would be made available to Senators prior to the January 30, 2007 meeting.

Following the discussion, Dr. Meisen thanked members of the Working Group and Steering Committee as well as members of Senate for today's useful discussion. In particular, the President thanked Mr. Paul Chancey, Director, Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning for his stewardship during the strategic planning process. Senators expressed their gratitude with a round of applause.

76. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY